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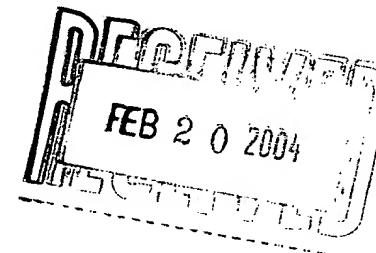
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For: FINE TUNED PROTEGRINS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO RESPOND TO THE WRITTEN OPINION

International Preliminary Examination Authority
Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:



It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the Written Opinion, dated December 11, 2003, be extended for a period of 1 month from February 11, 2004, the date now set, to and including March 11, 2004.

No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this extension request. Should any fee be due, however, please charge the required amount to Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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